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SUBJECT: OMVS MEETING IN BAMAKO

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1. MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, DIOP MADOU AMADOU, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM BAMAKO WHERE HE ATTENDED SENEGAL RIVER DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (OMVS) COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TOLD PRESS UPON RETURN THAT SESSION PREPARED PROPOSALS FOR UPCOMING CHIEF OF STATE MEETING. HE SAID MEETING WAS SUCCESSFUL AND DESCRIBED FINANCIAL CONDITION OF OMVS AS "VERY GOOD".

2. AMADOU SAID IT WAS AGREED TO HAVE MEETING OF POTENTIAL DONORS IN ORDER TO PRESENT LATEST PROPOSALS TO THEM BEFORE COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION PHASE. DEPENDING ON PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S SCHEDULE, AMADOU SAID THIS MEETING COULD BE HELD DURING SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER AT DAKAR. AMADOU SAID NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF OMVS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AS WELL AS CHIEF OF STATE CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN NOUAKCHOTT AT END OF JULY. HE ADDED THAT NEXT SESSION WILL DEAL WITH IMPORTANT QUESTION OF DONOR FINANCING.

3. ON SUBJECT OF MANATALI DAM, AMADOU SAID OMVS HAS ACCEPTED STUDY PREPARED BY PRC AND RECALLED THAT OMVS, JUST AFTER ITS CREATION, HAD ASKED PRC TO PREPARE STUDY AND PROVIDE FINANCING

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FOR DAM. AMADOU SAID HE WAS ASKED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO

GO TO PEKING TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF FINANCING AS SOON AS PRESIDENT
SENGHOR HAS OFFICIALLY CONTACTED PRC.

4. AMADOU ALSO NOTED THAT HE MUST DISCUSS OMVS ACTIVITY WITH REPS
OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND BEFORE
JULY MEETING IN NOUAKCHOTT.HANDYSIDE

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